

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated March 6, 2006.

Applicant's attorneys appreciate the Examiner's continued thorough search and examination of the present patent application

Claims 14-20 and 31-33 are pending in this application. All claims were rejected.

In response to the Examiner's objection, claim 14 was amended to recite "an external storage unit detachably attachable in said endoscopic imaging system". The support for this amendment is found on page 16, lines 7-9 of the application.

Claims 14-20 and 31-33 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-20 of co-pending Application No. 10/047,025 to Saito, et. al. ("Saito1"). Furthermore, claims 14-20 and 31-33 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 14-20 of co-pending Application No. 10/036,408 to Saito, et. al. ("Saito2").

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

The cross-reference to the parent case has been corrected, and applicants are not aware of any further amendments needed to the specification.

It is believed that all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been responded to. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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